



Information on Japan

April 2025

Partnership School: Bunri Sato Gakuen
Dates: 12th April 2025 – 21st April 2025

About our partnership school: Bunri Sato Gakuen School

Bunri Sato Gakuen is a private educational institution located in Saitama Prefecture, Japan. It operates several schools, including Seibu Gakuen Bunri Elementary, Junior, and Senior High Schools, as well as Bunri University of Hospitality. The institution was established with a strong emphasis on "doing everything with heart," a philosophy that underpins its approach to both academic excellence and character development.

Seibu Gakuen Bunri Senior High School offers a diverse curriculum, including specialized courses in Natural Sciences and Mathematics, English, and a General course. It also has an elite program aimed at preparing students for prestigious universities like the University of Tokyo. The school integrates moral education with a focus on developing well-rounded, independent individuals with a global outlook. Students engage in extracurricular activities such as overseas study programs, further enhancing their learning experience.



It is not just a trip - Working with our partnership schools

The trip is only part of the NHGS International initiative. Our students who will be going on the trip are expected to engage in collaborative projects with their peers from our partnership schools both before and after the trip, forming a bridge that extends beyond the confines of travel. This collaboration begins well in advance of the actual visit. Before the trip, students may work together virtually with their counterparts in the partner schools. This phase will involve research, planning, and dialogue on shared projects. Whether the focus is on social issues, environmental sustainability, technology, or cultural exchange, students will engage in joint problem-solving, and exploration of mutual interests. By doing this, they not only build connections but also come prepared with insights into the local context, avoiding the superficiality of a short visit. Pre-trip collaboration also helps to align expectations, clarify project goals, and ensure that all students are on the same page, creating a sense of unity and purpose before they meet in person.

After the trip, the collaboration deepens. Students will reflect on their shared experiences, evaluate the success of their projects, and work on implementing any solutions or ideas generated during the in-person meetings. This phase ensures that the impact of the trip is not fleeting. The students will continue to learn from each other, applying cross-cultural insights gained from the immersive experience. By extending the project timeline beyond the trip, students gain long-term perspectives, engage in critical reflection, and foster sustainable relationships.

Such collaboration is essential for a number of reasons. First, it cultivates global citizenship, helping students recognise and appreciate diverse perspectives, languages, and ways of thinking. This cross-cultural interaction ensures there is mutual respect and deeper understanding, which is crucial in an increasingly interconnected world. Secondly, the ongoing partnership ensures that the trip itself is not just a brief cultural exchange but part of a sustained, impactful educational experience. It moves students away from the idea of a “tourist” approach, where learning is passive, to a more active, engaged, and responsible form of international interaction.

By engaging in collaborative projects before and after the trip, students from both schools gain a deeper, more sustained learning experience. They form lasting connections, develop critical global competencies, and work together towards shared goals that can leave a lasting impact on both their personal growth and the communities they engage with.

Itinerary

Saturday 12th April 2025

Morning: Check in for flight to Tokyo
Lunch: Airport (own expense)
Afternoon: Depart for Tokyo
Dinner: On board
Accommodation: On board

Sunday 13th April 2025

Morning: Arrive Tokyo and transfer to hotel
Lunch: Local Restaurant
Afternoon: Tokyo walking tour
Dinner: Local Restaurant
Accommodation: Hotel in Tokyo

Monday 14th April 2025

Morning: Sightseeing Mount Fuji and Hakone
Lunch: Local restaurant
Afternoon: Sightseeing Mount Fuji and Hakone
Dinner: Local Restaurant
Accommodation: Hotel in Tokyo

Tuesday 15th April 2025

Morning: Transfer to Saitama
Lunch: Local restaurant
Afternoon: Local working tour
Dinner: Local Restaurant
Accommodation: Hotel in Saitama

Wednesday 16th April 2025

Morning: Transfer to Bunri Sato Gakuen for School Visiting
Lunch: School Canteen
Afternoon: School Visiting
Dinner: Local Restaurant
Accommodation: Hotel in Saitama

Thursday 17th April 2025

Morning: Transfer to Bunri Sato Gakuen for School Visiting
Lunch: School Canteen
Afternoon: School Visiting
Dinner: Local Restaurant
Accommodation: Hotel in Saitama

Friday 18th April 2025

Morning: Transfer to Bunri Sato Gakuen for School Visiting
Lunch: Local Restaurant
Afternoon: School Visiting
Dinner: Own Expense
Accommodation: Hotel in Saitama

Saturday 19th April 2025

Morning: Transfer to Tokyo

Lunch: Local Restaurant

Afternoon: Studio Ghibli tour

Dinner: Local Restaurant

Accommodation: Hotel in Tokyo

Sunday 20th April 2025

Morning: Shopping in Tokyo

Lunch: Local Restaurant

Afternoon: Sightseeing in Tokyo

Dinner: Local Restaurant

Accommodation: Hotel in Tokyo

Monday 21st April 2025

Morning: Check in and depart Tokyo

Lunch: On board

Dinner: On board

Arrive in UK

Year Groups eligible to apply now:

Year 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13

Instalment Plan - Japan

£3,500 to £4,000 (10 days)

October 2024	£500 deposit	
November 2024	£750 (min)	£875 (max)
December 2025	£750 (min)	£875 (max)
January 2025	£750 (min)	£875 (max)
February 2025	£750 (min)	£875 (max)
	Total payment £3,500 (min)	Total payment £4,000 (max)

The cost of the itinerary includes:

- All flights
- Accommodation in Tokyo & Sataima
- All meals whilst in Tokyo & Sataima
- Local Private Transportation whilst in Tokyo & Sataima
- Visit to the Partner School - Bunri Sato Gakuen
- All sightseeing activities in Tokyo & Sataima
- A local guide to accompany the group.

What is not included in costings:

- Any vaccinations required
- Travel Insurance

Why Visit Japan

Japan is an Island country in East Asia in the Pacific Ocean. It consists of four major islands; Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu and thousands of smaller islands, covering 377,975 square kilometres. Japan has a population of nearly 124 million as of 2024. Japan is very famous for its unique blend of ancient traditions and modern innovations. Iconic elements include the stunning cherry blossoms, traditional tea ceremonies, samurai culture, and advanced technology such as bullet trains and robotics. Japan's anime and manga have also achieved worldwide popularity.



Why Visit Tokyo

Visiting Tokyo is an exciting experience for many reasons! Tokyo has a unique blend of tradition and modernity. It is home to ancient temples like Senso-ji in Asakusa and tranquil gardens such as the Imperial Palace East Gardens. In stark contrast, districts like Shibuya and Shinjuku showcase ultra-modern skyscrapers, neon lights, and cutting-edge technology. You will be surrounded by traditional cuisine. For high-end fashion, Ginza is the place to be, while Harajuku offers quirky, youth-centric styles.



What happens next?

After Thursday 26th September, you will need to take the following steps:

Passport - Check that the passport has at least 6 months validity following dates of travel; you will need them for the visa application form and appointment (if required) .

You have been provided with a QR code which will take you to a google form to complete (see next page)

Choose the country your child would like to visit in order of preference. This is so that if your child does not get their first choice, but would still have been interested in any of the other countries, we would take their other preference/s into consideration.

School will use the oversubscription criteria to select students for the trips.

Student and parents informed if they have been given a place on the trip. As the trip for Japan is our first one, students and parents will be notified by **Friday 11th October**.

Parents to pay deposit for the trip to confirm their child's place. The cost of the deposit will be **£500.00** and this must be paid by the end of October 2024.

Parents to continue payments using NHGS instalment plan. See instalment plan.

Once deposits have been paid, there will then be a parents' information evening, where the specifics of the trips will be discussed with regards to allergies, medical conditions, clothing and spending money.

QR Code to choose your preferences.



QR Code for any other questions

